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Today's Topics:

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                    FCC Processing data point - upgrade  
                    FLAME the FCC (2 msgs)  
How to find the answers to frequently-asked questions about Ham Radio  
                    I could use a Beverage (2 msgs)  
                    Thanks, ARRL  
                    VHF radios?  
                    Why Some people hate Wayne Green

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text  
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 29 Aug 1994 14:12:01 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: FCC license renewal p  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <6e.3423.332.0N66690D@cencore.com> forrest.gehrke@cencore.com (Forrest Gehrke) writes:

>I think many newbie licensees and others awaiting upgrades are  
>ignoring something at FCC that is different in 1994 from prior  
>years: This is the first renewal time for the 10 year license  
>which term was begun in 1984.

Good point! The FCC hasn't really had to worry about renewals for the  
last five years (since the last 5-year license expired). I hadn't

thought of this before.

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Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 10:11:05 -500 CDT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!  
zip.eecs.umich.edu!yeshua.marcam.com!news.kei.com!ddsw1!mbi.moody.edu!  
farslayer.moody.edu!pwalker@ames.arpa  
Subject: FCC Processing data point - upgrade  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Advanced license Processed: 5/31/94  
Received Advanced license: 6/6/94  
Faxed Copy of Advanced license to VEC: 6/7/94  
VEC Mailed Advanced license to FCC: 6/7/94  
FCC processed upgrade to Extra: 8/22/94  
Received Extra Class license in mail: 8/27/94

11 Weeks 4 days from time upgrade application was mailed to FCC.

Paul Walker N9WHG

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Date: Tue, 30 Aug 1994 00:35:09 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
Subject: FLAME the FCC  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <33tg2i\$msq@jericho.mc.com> levine@mc.com writes:

>  
>I don't consider 14 weeks "rotten service".  
>  
>Wait till this guy waits about a year or two for a QSL card from the bureau.  
> " " " " " " " " to see contest results in CQ or QST.  
> " " " " " " " " for new announced Ham products to be  
marketed.  
> " " " " " " " " 2 years for FR5DX to return a QSL.  
> " " " " " " " " 30 years for the next 3Y operation.  
> " " " " " " " " forever to see MFJ change their chincy enclosures  
" " " " " " " " forever for the code debate on .policy to end.

Jeff NH6IL

Date: Tue, 30 Aug 1994 00:48:34 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!nic-nac.CSU.net!  
charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!yeshua.marcam.com!news.kei.com!ddsw1!a2i!pwight.a2i!  
pwight@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: FLAME the FCC  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Why can't the ARRL set up a volunteer group to work with/at the FCC to help get the licenses issued/renewed? We do the licensing work for them - why not help out with some other chores? A few guys working one day a month or one day a year, even, could make a big dent.

73,  
Phil W5UHK

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Bob Levine  
(levine@mc.com) wrote:  
: In article edellers@delphi.com, Ed Ellers <edellers@delphi.com> () writes:  
: .  
: .  
: -->More to the point, exactly how does the fact that this license is issued at  
: -->no charge (it's really paid for with tax money) justify rotten service?  
  
: I don't consider 14 weeks "rotten service".  
  
: Wait till this guy waits about a year or two for a QSL card from the bureau.  
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: " " " " " " " " for new announced Ham products to be  
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: " " " " " " 30 years for the next 3Y operation.  
: " " " " " " forever to see MFJ change their chincy enclosures.  
:  
: Any other things worth waiting for to add to the list?

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: Bob Levine KD1GG 7J1AIS VK2GYN formerly KA1JFP  
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Philip F. Wight <pwight@rahul.net>

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Date: Sun, 28 Aug 1994 09:44:05 GMT

From: amd!amdahl!amdahl.uts.amdahl.com!netnews@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: How to find the answers to frequently-asked questions about Ham Radio  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.1.1.4  
Archive-name: ham-faq-ptr

How to find the Rec.radio.amateur.misc Frequently Asked Questions list

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This article will tell you how to find the answers to frequently-asked Questions (FAQ) from rec.radio.amateur.misc. The FAQ articles are posted on the 7th and 21st of each month. This article is posted on the 14th and 28th of every month as a reminder of where to find the FAQ.

The FAQ articles are intended to summarize some common questions on the rec.radio.amateur.misc newsgroup and Info-Hams mail list as well as to help beginners get started.

Besides the monthly posting, the FAQ is always available via anonymous FTP and from e-mail servers. This article contains instructions for obtaining a copy of the FAQ. It also contains the table of contents from the FAQ so that you know which questions are covered by it.

Please provide a copy of the FAQ to any new or soon-to-be Hams you know.

Regular FAQ postings can help save network bandwidth and maintain a good signal-to-noise ratio in the newsgroup. However, they can't do it alone - you, the reader, have to use them. If you are a new user, please print and review the FAQ articles and look at the instructions in the news.newusers newsgroup before posting any articles. If you are an experienced user, please help by refraining from answering frequently-asked questions on the newsgroup if they are already answered by the FAQ articles. Instead, send e-mail to the user who asked the question. (It will be helpful if you include the part of the FAQ that answers their question, but not the whole thing.)

--How to obtain a current copy of the FAQ-----

There are 7 ways to obtain a copy of the FAQ.

- 1) World-Wide Web (WWW) and Mosaic
- 2) NetNews
- 3) Anonymous FTP
- 4) An Electronic Mail Server
- 5) Mail List Subscription
- 6) Gopher
- 7) Wide Area Information Server (WAIS)

Option #1: World-Wide Web (WWW) and Mosaic

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The World-Wide Web (WWW) has experienced explosive growth in usage in 1993 and 1994. WWW clients like Lynx (in ASCII text) or Mosaic (X/Mac/Windows) can display the FAQ from many different sources. Each source is named by a URL (uniform resource locator.) If you are one of the growing numbers of people with Internet access, Option #1 is your choice. The following URL can be used to find the FAQ:

<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/radio/ham-radio/faq/top.html>

Other services listed later in this article are also accessible with WWW at the following URLs:

- news:rec.radio.info
- file://ftp.amdahl.com/pub/radio/amateur
- file://ftp.cs.buffalo.edu/pub/ham-radio
- file://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq
- file://grivel.une.edu.au/pub/ham-radio/buffalo/ham-radio
- file://nic.funet.fi/pub/ham/info
- gopher://cc1.kuleuven.ac.be/
- gopher://jupiter.sun.csd.unb.ca/
- gopher://gopher.univ-lyon1.fr/
- gopher://ftp.win.tue.nl/
- gopher://gopher.win.tue.nl/
- wais://rtfm.mit.edu/usenet

For more information on WWW, see the comp.infosystems.www newsgroup. Also, the help options on your WWW client should be able to point you to lots of information all over the world.

#### Option #2: NetNews

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If you are familiar enough with NetNews to look through previous articles on your system, Option #2 above may be the easiest for you. The FAQ is posted so that it should not expire from your site's news spool until the next one is posted. Unfortunately, some news administrators do not honor the expiration dates meant to preserve the FAQ.

Look in rec.radio.amateur.misc, rec.radio.info, rec.answers, or news.answers. If the FAQ has expired at your site, try Option #3 (and ask your news administrator to honor expiration dates for articles cross-posted to news.answers if he/she can.)

#### Option #3: Anonymous FTP

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Anonymous FTP uses the File Transfer Protocol. It is only available to sites which are directly connected to the Internet. If you don't know how to use FTP and can't find a friend to help you, continue to Option #4. If your site is not connected to the Internet, you should also continue to Option #4.

The following sites have copies of the FAQ:

site name & address	path to FAQ articles
ftp.amdahl.com	pub/radio/amateur/faq.[1-3].Z located in western USA, FAQ updated daily
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu	pub/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3] located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly
rtfm.mit.edu	pub/usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/part* located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly contains news.answers archive - most UseNet FAQs are here
grivel.une.edu.au	pub/ham-radio/buffalo/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3] located in Australia, FAQ updated monthly (Ham files mirrored from buffalo/funet/ucsd daily)
nic.funet.fi	pub/ham/info/faq_ham_[1-3] located in Finland, FAQ updated monthly

Remember, when connecting to the remote system, use the login name of "anonymous" and, as a courtesy to the site administrators, your e-mail address for the password.

#### Option #4: Electronic Mail Server

If you can't use Options 1 or 2, your only remaining option is electronic mail. You can retrieve a copy of the FAQ by sending a message to  
mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

The body of your mail will contain a command for the mail server software. To get all of the FAQ (consisting of 70K of e-mail in 3 parts), place the following in the first line of your message:  
send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/\*

Leave out the subject of your message because the mail server will ignore it.

--- begin sample mail message ---

To: mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

From: me@here.org

Date: Mon Aug 14 22:27:33 PDT 1995

send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/\*

--- end sample mail message ---

#### Option #5: Mail List Subscription

If you prefer, you may get the FAQ and other periodic Ham Radio information as it gets posted. All the information posted to rec.radio.info can be obtained through the UCSD list server via the "radio-info" mail list. To subscribe, send an e-mail to

listserv@ucsd.edu

Similar to the e-mail server listed above, just send a single-line message  
subscribe radio-info

If you need more information, the listserv program also accepts a "help"  
command. Just keep it on a separate line in the message.

#### Option #6: Gopher

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You can access gopher servers on TCP port 70 (gopher protocol) at the  
following locations which carry the Ham Radio FAQ:

cc1.kuleuven.ac.be  
jupiter.sun.csd.unb.ca  
gopher.univ-lyon1.fr  
ftp.win.tue.nl  
gopher.win.tue.nl

For more information on gopher, see the comp.infosystems.gopher newsgroup.

#### Option #7: Wide Area Information Server (WAIS)

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In addition to the other services mentioned above, rtfm.mit.edu offers a  
WAIS server on TCP port 210. Use the "usenet" database to access the FAQ.

For more information on WAIS, see the comp.infosystems.wais newsgroup.

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--Asking Questions-----

If you have questions about Amateur Radio (a.k.a. Ham Radio), please read the FAQ. If your question is not answered there, check if you have any other sources (i.e. Mosaic/WWW) before proceeding. If you still don't have an answer, post your question to the most appropriate rec.radio.amateur.\* newsgroup. And be sure to mention where you have already looked for the answer so people won't mistakenly tell you to try them again.

Thank you for doing your part to conserve network bandwidth!

--Submitting changes for the FAQ-----

If you have comments or updates for the FAQ, send e-mail to  
hamradio-faq@amdahl.com

This will send mail to all the people on the FAQ editorial review group.

--Call for FAQ Editors-----

As with any volunteer effort, new volunteers are often needed. We need a new editor to post the Ham Radio FAQ. Preferably this should be someone who has enthusiasm for Ham Radio, experience with UseNet, and the ability to work with the other editors. No single person can know all the various aspects of this diverse hobby so the editorial review group is intended to make a greater combination of experience.

The FAQ is currently posted with the AUTO-FAQ software, which is written in PERL. So it would be a plus for volunteers to post the FAQ to have PERL installed on their system and be able to use "cron" or "at" so that postings can go unattended.

Anyone who wants to make their contribution to the Net as a volunteer should contact hamradio-faq@amdahl.com.

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Date: 29 Aug 94 11:33:20 -0230  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!torn!news.unb.ca!  
coranto.ucs.mun.ca!leif!jcraig@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: I could use a Beverage  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <33ha3o\$jks@gerald.cc.utexas.edu>, oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

> bbsuser@kd3bj.uucp (General BBS user login) says:  
>  
>>>Beverage is an antenna. It is also known as the wave antenna. It  
>>>is a wire of several wavelengths used to receive, not transmit.  
>  
> (rest deleted)  
>  
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> know (me) why this antenna doesn't obey the law of reciprocity  
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> that are good on transmit or receive only? This sounds like  
> the end of the Nth law of thermodynamics.  
>  
>  
> Derek "ignorant Extra class" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)  
> Department of Astronomy, University of Texas,  
> Austin TX 78712. (512-471-1392)  
> oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu

Law 2 says once you've radiated your signal, you'll never get it all back in the antenna again, no matter what. :-)

The law of reciprocity (whatever) is followed. Beverages are very inefficient for receiving, but they are somewhat directional and less susceptible to interference from natural and manmade noise. So although the received signal strength is reduced, the signal to noise ratio is improved, and this can make a big difference.

Joe V01NA ( a coffee would be a nice beverage about now...)

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Date: 28 Aug 1994 09:57:45 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!ucsnews!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!infinet!  
wvanho@network.ucsd.edu

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: oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu

To date, there have been four responses to this question, and I agree with everything they have said, but none has addressed the major factor that makes a Beverage good for receiving but not for transmitting.

For transmitting, you want the maximum signal strength. For receiving, you want the maximum SIGNAL TO NOISE ratio. At high frequencies (<30 Mhz) modern receivers provide noise figures well below the level of natural QRN, so you can always amplify received signals as much as necessary to provide audible signals, no matter how weak they are, if the signal to noise ratio is adequate. Beverage antennas deliver low signal strength, but even lower noise, so are superior for receiving.

They DO follow the law of reciprocity. They deliver low signal strength in both transmitting and receiving; you don't care in the latter case, but do in the former.

73, Van - W8UOF

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\* It ain't wot ya don't know 't gets ya into trouble. \*  
\* It's wot ya know 't ain't true. - "Mr. Dooley" \*  
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wvanho@infinet.com

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Date: Tue, 30 Aug 1994 00:29:33 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
Subject: Thanks, ARRL  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

And an even bigger thank-you to the ARRL for their great email file.  
If you want to see what's in this goldmine of info send an email to:  
info@arrl.org  
and only write  
INDEX  
QUIT  
and within a few minutes you'll receive the index of all their  
available files.

Jeff NH6IL

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Date: 29 Aug 1994 17:46:04 -0700  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!  
news.uoregon.edu!netnews.nwnet.net!tahoma.cwu.edu!tahoma.cwu.edu!not-for-  
mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: VHF radios?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm interested in VHF radios. I had a friend once who used his to make  
phone calls as well as speak to friends over fairly long distances. Any  
info to get me started?  
dave

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Date: Tue, 30 Aug 1994 00:54:05 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!  
yeshua.marcam.com!news.kei.com!ddsw1!a2i!pwight.a2i!pwight@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Why Some people hate Wayne Green  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Speaking of Wayne, does anyone know why suddenly he lost control of the CD  
Review mag he started? That mag used to be fun when Wayne published it.  
After that, it lost its sense of humor. That's one thing I always enjoyed  
about wayne.

Cheers, Phil

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Philip F. Wight <pwight@rahul.net>

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Date: Tue, 30 Aug 1994 01:00:15 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1994Aug17.131338.22641@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>,  
<1994Aug22.151450.9440@hayes>, <1994Aug29.205116.24390@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>  
Subject : Re: Ragchewing conversational protocol

In article <1994Aug29.205116.24390@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

>  
>>> Well of course contests remove the problem by removing the necessity  
>>> of having \*content\* in the conversation. It's just a meaningless  
>>> formalized exchange, over quickly, and on to the next station so the  
>>> same contentless exchange can be repeated ad infinitum, ad nauesam.  
>  
>But \*most\* of it is. Remember the topic is \*conversation\* and what to  
>say on the radio. Contests don't promote conversation, in fact conversation  
>is actively \*discouraged\* by serious contest operators. Score is the goal,  
>not exchanging ideas. I didn't say that was \*bad\* in the context of contests,  
>but it isn't a good way to develop conversational skills on the radio.

Gary, you've got some weird ideas. What do you think the testers  
do when there's no contest? Ragchew, of course. But least contests  
are helping to promote Part 97.1(e), international goodwill.

Out of the 168 hours each week how many hours are the bands used  
in contesting? Remember, some weekends there are no contests.  
And even if there is a contest on a particular weekend, use an  
unused band.

You want conversation \*and\* content? For most QSO's this gives rise  
to a contradiction.

>Now it should be well known that I think most contests are wastes of time  
>and spectrum, but that's a separate issue.

Probably because what few contests you've participated in you took  
too seriously (are you a Type A?). Who cares what your score is -  
heck, don't even keep score - just make a few dozen contacts and quit.

Mostly, repeated opinionated postings on newsgroups taking opposing  
viewpoints just to stir up controversies

>seem to be  
>outlets for the Type A personalities who have to compete or die.

I couldn't agree more!

>I admit to being off the norm in having no interest  
>in such empty pursuits.

Posting on UseNet is not an empty pursuit?

Jeff NH6IL

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